# HEARING PROPOSALS (STATEWIDE ISSUES) TO BE ACTED UPON IN 2013

**REGION** 

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Statewide Statewide Statewide Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** For Bass (largemouth and smallmouth):

Date: April 1 - June 30

Daily bag limit: 1 fish; artificial lures only Minimum length limit: 10 inches

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove artificial lures only component of daily bag limit.

PURPOSE Remove the artificial lures only restriction on smallmouth and largemouth bass fishing during the April 1 - June 30 period. The intent is to simplify

enforcement on bass waters with fisheries for other species.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** For Bass (largemouth and smallmouth):

Date: April 1 - June 30 Daily bag limit: 1 fish

Minimum length limit: 10 inches

REGION

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Youth fishing waters, statewide. Statewide Statewide Both IFW

WATERCODE: ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS S-9: Open to fishing only for persons under 16 years of age. Restricted to two lines per person. Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add verbiage that permits complimentary license holders to fish in all waters designated with the S-9 special rule.

**PURPOSE** Provide expanded opportunities for complimentary license holders by modifying the definition of S-9, which currently reserves several waters for youth

anglers only.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-9: Open to fishing only for persons under 16 years of age or for persons holding a complimentary fishing license. Restricted to two lines per person. Daily

bag limit on trout: 2 fish.

REGION State

WATER **TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING** 

**Multiple Southern and Eastern Counties Various Both IFW** 

- Lakes and Ponds

**WATERCODE: ACTION TAKEN:** 

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** Fishing Rules for the Southern and Eastern Counties

(Androscoggin, Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford south of the Androscoggin River, Penobscot, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington, and

Lakes and Ponds:

From January 1 - December 31: Unless otherwise indicated by special rule, open to all fishing (includes both ice and open water fishing).

From January 1 - September 30: Unless otherwise indicated by special rule, general law length and bag limits apply to all fish caught while open water fishing or ice fishing (see page 5).

From October 1 - December 31: Unless otherwise indicated by special rule, S-6 (artificial lures only), and all trout, landlocked salmon, and togue caught while open water fishing or ice fishing must be released alive at once.

Special rules:

- A: Open to ice fishing and open water fishing for all fish from December 1 April 30.
- B: Closed to ice fishing until January 1, then open to ice fishing and open water fishing from January 1 March 31.
- D: From December 1 April 30: Open to ice fishing and open water fishing for all fish. General law terminal gear restrictions apply.
- CI: Closed to ice fishing.
- CO: Closed to open water fishing from October 1 March 31.
- S: Special rule(s) in effect Special Rules (s-codes) are listed on page 7. (Note: Special rules may restrict the general law fishing provisions.)

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete entire 3-tiered entry for lakes and ponds in the southern and eastern counties, and replace with:

January 1 - December 31: Unless otherwise indicated by special rule, open to ice and open water fishing under general law fishing provisions (see page x).

**PURPOSE** To simplify and eliminate unnecessary text describing general law seasons for lakes and ponds in the southern and eastern counties. Letter codes currently used

to indicate variances from general law rules will be replaced with verbiage attached to each water listing.

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WATER **TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING** 

FINAL REGULATIONS

Fishing Rules for the Southern and Eastern Counties

(Androscoggin, Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford south of the Androscoggin River, Penobscot, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington, and York)

Lakes and Ponds:

January 1 - December 31: Unless otherwise indicated by special rule, open to ice and open water fishing under general law fishing provisions (see page x).

# HOUSEKEEPING PROPOSALS TO BE ACTED UPON IN 2013

**REGION** B

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Alford Lake Hope Knox Both IFW

WATERCODE: 4798 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS S-2, S-3, S-13, S-17, except that from Oct 1 - Dec 31 S-7.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove "From Oct 1 -Dec 31: S-7."

PURPOSE Protection already provided under current county regulations. Redundant.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-2, S-3, S-13, S-17.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Bowler Pond Waldo Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS CI. S-6, S-13, S-16. From Oct 1 - Mar 31: S-10.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove: "From Oct 1 - Mar 31:"

**PURPOSE** Remove redundant statement. S-10 covers the period Oct 1 to Mar 31.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** CI. S-6, S-10, S-13, S-16.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Cobbosseecontee Stream Monmouth Kennebec Both IFW

WATERCODE: 093011 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Open to ice and open water fishing Jan 1 to Dec 31, S-14, S-19, S-33. From Aug 16 to Sept 30: Riv/Str/Brk general law terminal gear restrictions and bag limits

stated for Apr 1 to Aug 15 apply.

**MODIFICATIONS:** General law limits and tackle provisions apply year round.

**PURPOSE** Simplification. Cobbossecontee Stream is open year-round with general law provisions.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Open to ice and open water fishing from Jan 1 to Dec 31, S-14, S-19, S-33. General law provisions apply year-round.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

WATERCODE: 9971 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS S-8, S-22, S-23. except that from October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7. Open to ice fishing January and February only. Closed to all fishing in March. March S-1.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove: S-6, S-7.

Remove reference to S-6, S-7.

**PURPOSE** Redundant. S-6 and S-7 are not needed because those regulations are already in effect due to general law.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-8, S-22, S-23. Open to ice fishing January and February only. Closed to all fishing in March. March: S-1.

**REGION** C

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Pike Brook Pond, West T18 MD BPP Washington Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 9667 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** CI, S-6, S-10, S-17

**MODIFICATIONS:** Change order of S-Code listing from S-10, S-17 to S-17, S-10

**PURPOSE** Change order of S-Code listing for clarification.

FINAL REGULATIONS CI, S-6, S-17, S-10.

**REGION** C

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Pug Lake T5 R1NBPP Washington & Both IFW

Penobscot

WATERCODE: 1150 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS S-15, S-27, From October 1 - 20: S-6, S-7, Daily bag limit on whitefish: 8 fish. Closed to all fishing from October 21 - January 31. Open to ice fishing for all

fish during February and March only.

**MODIFICATIONS:** See Grand Lake, West. Change whitefish bag limit from 8 to general law.

**PURPOSE** Consolidation of regulations; Pug Lake is considered an embayment of West Grand Lake.

FINAL REGULATIONS See Grand Lake, West.

**REGION** E

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Sebec Lake Willimantic, Dover-Foxcroft, Piscataquis Ice Fishing IFW

Bowerbank, Sebec.

WATERCODE: 0848 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Open to ice fishing January 15- March 15. S-2, S-3, S-22.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Rearrange paragraph

**PURPOSE** Clarify regulations by placing S-codes that apply to both seasons at the beginning of the entry.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-2, S-3, S-22. Open to ice fishing January 15- March 15.

**REGION** E

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Sebec Lake Willimantic, Dover-Foxcroft, Piscataquis Open Water IFW

Bowerbank, Sebec.

WATERCODE: 0848 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Open to ice fishing January 15- March 15. S-2, S-3, S-22.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Rearrange paragraph

**PURPOSE** Clarify regulations by placing S-codes that apply to both seasons at the beginning of the entry.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-2, S-3, S-22. Open to ice fishing January 15- March 15.

## RULE-MAKING PROPOSALS TO BE ACTED UPON IN 2013

**REGION** A

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Abbott Pond Sumner Oxford Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 3472 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Abbott Pond, Sumner. CI. S-4, S-10, S-17.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add "Closed to the taking of live baitfish".

PURPOSE New rules required in support of planned reclamation to prevent reintroduction of bait fish, including to tributaries and the outlet.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Abbott Pond, Sumner. CI. S-4, S-10, S-17. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Broken Bridge Pond Albany Oxford Both IFW

WATERCODE: 3264 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Broken Bridge Pond, Albany Twp. Closed to the taking of live bait. CI. S-1, S-3, S-4, S-17. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Apply the term "baitfish" in place of "bait" for clarity.

REMOVE: "S-1, S-3" (smelt not present)

PURPOSE Reduce opportunity for reintroduction of undesirable fish prior to planned reclamation, including to tributaries and outlet. Remove unnecessary smelt

regulations because they will no longer occur.

FINAL REGULATIONS Broken Bridge Pond, Albany Twp. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. CI. S-4, S-17. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Crocker Pond** Albany Oxford Both IFW

WATERCODE: 0361 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Crocker Pond, Albany Twp. Closed to the taking of live bait. CI. S-4, S-10.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Apply the term "baitfish" in place of "bait" for clarity.

**PURPOSE** New rules required in support of planned reclamation to prevent reintroduction of bait fish, including to the outlet.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Crocker Pond, Albany Twp. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. CI. S-4, S-10.

WATER **TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE** HEARING

**Crooked River Albany to Casco Cumberland & Open Water IFW** 

Oxford

**WATERCODE:** 04303101 **ACTION TAKEN:** 

CURRENT REGULATIONS Crooked River, Albany to Casco, etc. (Cumberland and Oxford Counties): S-1.

- From Route 35 (North Waterford), to Route 11 (Casco): April 1 - September 30: S-5; S-22; minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 26 inches.

- From Bolster's Mill Road bridge downstream to Route 11 in Casco: October 1 - - October 15, S-5, S-22; minimum length limit on salmon: 26 inches. All

other fish caught must be released alive at once.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Apply same regulations existing below Route 35 (FFO, 1 LLS bag, Min 26" LLS) to the entire river.

Add, "Except at noted above" to "All other fish caught must be released alive at once" + rewrite text.

**PURPOSE** Apply existing regulations on lower river to entire river for consistency in conserving/enhancing wild salmon production. Reduction & simplification of text.

FINAL REGULATIONS Crooked River, Albany to Casco, etc. (Cumberland and Oxford Counties): S-1, S-5, S-22; minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 26 inches.

October 1 - October 15: Fishing allowed as described above from Bolster's Mill Road bridge downstream to Route 11 in Casco. All other fish caught must be

released alive at once.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Jaybird Pond Hiram Oxford Both IFW

WATERCODE: 3178 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Jaybird Pond, Hiram, Porter. CI. S-6, S-17, except that from October 1 – March 31: S-7.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove entire listing for Jaybird Pond.

**PURPOSE** Public access was lost and stocking program was terminated. Special rules no longer required.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

<u>Little Concord Pond</u> Woodstock Oxford Both IFW

WATERCODE: 3468 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Concord Pond, Little, Woodstock. CI, CO. S-5, S-16. Closed to the taking of live bait.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Apply the term "baitfish" in place of "bait" for clarity.

**PURPOSE** Reduce opportunity for reintroduction of undesirable fish into this reclaimed brook trout pond, including to tributaries and the outlet.

FINAL REGULATIONS Concord Pond (Little), Woodstock. CI, CO. S-5, S-16. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

<u>Littlefield Pond</u> Sanford York Both IFW

WATERCODE: 3840 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Littlefield Pond, Sanford. D.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: S-13 (no size or bag limit on bass).

**PURPOSE** Response to illegal introduction of bass.

FINAL REGULATIONS D.S-13.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Mosquito Pond Albany Oxford Both IFW

WATERCODE: 6765 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Mosquito Pond, Albany Twp. Closed to the taking of live bait. CI. S-5, S-17. From October 1- March 31: S-5, S-7.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Apply the term "baitfish" in place of "bait" for clarity.

**PURPOSE**New rules required in support of planned reclamation to prevent reintroduction of bait fish, including to the tributaries and outlet.

FINAL REGULATIONS Mosquito Pond, Albany Twp. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. CI. S-5, S-17. From October 1- March 31: S-5, S-7.

REGION Α

WATER **TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING** 

**Mousam River Shapleigh to Kennebunk** York **Open Water IFW** 

WATERCODE: 023 **ACTION TAKEN:** 

CURRENT REGULATIONS Mousam River, from the dam at Mousam Lake downstream to the first dam immediately upstream of US Route 1 in Kennebunk. Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31: S-19. From August 16 - September 30: River/Brook/Stream General Law terminal gear regulations stated for April 1 -August 15 apply.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Replace reference to "first dam immediately upstream of US Route 1" with red marker located at Roger's Park.

**PURPOSE** Apply existing regulations to previously unknown existing red marker delineating tidewater-freshwater instead of Route 1. Provides enhanced protection to

salmonids that occupy intertidal zones.

FINAL REGULATIONS Mousam River, from the dam at Mousam Lake downstream to the red marker located at Roger's Park in Kennebunk. Open to open water and ice fishing from

January 1 - December 31: S-19. From August 16 - September 30: River/Brook/Stream General Law terminal gear regulations stated for April 1 - August 15

apply.

REGION

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Overset Pond Greenwood Oxford Both IFW

WATERCODE: 3482 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Overset Pond, Greenwood. Closed to the taking of live bait. CI. S-1, S-3, S-17. Fly casting and fly trolling only with single hooked flies or tandem-hooked

flies. From October 1 - November 30: Fly casting and fly trolling only with single hooked flies or tandem-hooked flies, S-7. Closed to all fishing from

December 1 - March 31.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Apply the term "baitfish" in place of "bait" for clarity.

REMOVE: "S-1, S-3" (smelt not present)

PURPOSE Reduce opportunity for reintroduction of undesirable fish into this reclaimed brook trout pond, including to tributaries and the outlet. Remove unnecessary

smelt regulations because they no longer occur.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Overset Pond, Greenwood. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. CI. S-17. Fly casting and fly trolling only with single hooked flies or tandem-hooked flies.

From October 1 - November 30: Fly casting and fly trolling only with single hooked flies or tandem-hooked flies, S-7. Closed to all fishing from December 1 -

March 31.

REGION Α

WATER **TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING** 

**Presumpscot River** Standish, Windham, Gorham, Cumberland Both **IFW** 

Westbrook

WATERCODE: 043 **ACTION TAKEN:** 

CURRENT REGULATIONS Presumpscot River (excluding North Gorham Pond and Dundee Pond), Standish, Windham, Gorham, Westbrook. Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31.

- Danger! Rapidly rising water levels associated with river dam operations could pose a danger to anglers!
- From Sebago Lake dam to the red markers approximately 100 feet downstream of the dam: closed to fishing.
- From the red markers approximately 100 feet downstream of the Sebago Lake dam downstream to the confluence with North Gorham Pond: closed to ice fishing. (see regulations for North Gorham Pond).
- From the red markers to confluence with North Gorham Pond, including Eel Weir Canal and power station tailrace: S-5; total daily bag limit on landlocked salmon, trout and togue: 1 fish.
- •From North Gorham Dam downstream to tidewater: S-19. From August 16 September 30: River/Brook/Stream General Law terminal gear regulations stated for April 1 - August 15 apply.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove all references to "red markers".

**PURPOSE** Antiquated safety provision not needed for fishery management and not recognized/requested by dam owner (SAPPI).

### FINAL REGULATIONS

Presumpscot River (excluding North Gorham Pond and Dundee Pond), Standish, Windham, Gorham, Westbrook. Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31.

- Danger! Rapidly rising water levels associated with river dam operations could pose a danger to anglers!
- From Sebago Lake dam to the confluence with North Gorham Pond: closed to ice fishing. (see regulations for North Gorham Pond).
- From Sebago Lake dam to the confluence with North Gorham Pond, including Eel Weir Canal and power station tailrace: S-5; total daily bag limit on landlocked salmon, trout and togue: 1 fish.
- -From North Gorham Dam downstream to tidewater: S-19. From August 16 September 30: River/Brook/Stream General Law terminal gear regulations stated for April 1 - August 15 apply.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Round Pond and Albany Oxford Both IFW

**Tributaries** 

WATERCODE: 6755 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Round Pond and tributaries, Albany Twp. CI. S-4, S-10.

**MODIFICATIONS:** "Closed to the taking of live baitfish"

\*\*above text to be added only if reclamation pursued\*\*

**PURPOSE**New rules required in support of planned reclamation to prevent reintroduction of bait fish, including to the outlet.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Round Pond, Albany. CI. S-4, S-10. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Saco River Fryeburg to Saco Oxford, Both DMR

Cumberland, and York

WATERCODE: 032 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Saco River: Danger! Rapidly rising water levels associated with river dam operations could pose a danger to anglers!

- From the Maine/New Hampshire border in Fryeburg to Cataract Dam in Saco: Open to open water fishing and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31, S-19. From August 16 - September 30: River/Brook/Stream General Law terminal gear regulations stated for April 1 - August 15 apply.

- From Skelton Dam to Cataract Dam, S-33.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Extend S-33 upstream to Hiram Dam.

**PURPOSE** Address DMR SRS bycatch concerns.

FINAL REGULATIONS Saco River: Danger! Rapidly rising water levels associated with river dam operations could pose a danger to anglers!

- From the Maine/New Hampshire border in Fryeburg to Cataract Dam in Saco: Open to open water fishing and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31, S-19. From August 16 - September 30: River/Brook/Stream General Law terminal gear regulations stated for April 1 - August 15 apply.

- From Hiram Dam to Cataract Dam, S-33.

REGION Α

WATER **TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE** HEARING

Sebago Lake Naples, Casco, etc. Cumberland Both **IFW** 

WATERCODE: 5786 **ACTION TAKEN:** 

CURRENT REGULATIONS Sebago Lake, and all tributaries including rivers (unless otherwise provided by special rule), Naples, etc. S-1, S-3, S-22, S-23. No bag limit for togue under 23 inches and no minimum length limit. Daily bag limit on togue greater than 33 inches: 1 fish. All togue between 23 - 33 inches must be released alive at once. Closed to all fishing within 100 feet of White's Bridge.

From October 1 - December 31: S-6. Togue may be harvested as described above.

From October 1 - March 31: All trout (excluding lake trout) and salmon must be released alive at once. All trout (excluding lake trout) and salmon caught while ice fishing must be released immediately without removal from the water. Tributaries are closed to fishing (See Crooked River for special regulations). Closed to open water fishing is the "mouth of the Songo River", which is the area to the north of a line drawn between Bear Point and Outer Island and then along a line to the north shore.

Closed to ice fishing is that portion of Sebago Lake within 3,000 feet of a red marker on the shore marking a point between the 2 Portland Water District intakes. Also closed to ice fishing is the area within 100 feet of the Standish intake. Motor vehicles are prohibited on posted area within 2 miles of the Portland Water District intake pipe in Standish (does not include ATVs and snowmobiles).

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove: "Also closed to ice fishing is the area within 100 feet of the Standish intake."

**PURPOSE** Remove Portland Water District restriction that is no longer necessary.

### FINAL REGULATIONS

Sebago Lake, and all tributaries including rivers (unless otherwise provided by special rule), Naples, etc. S-1, S-3, S-22, S-23. No bag limit for togue under 23 inches and no minimum length limit. Daily bag limit on togue greater than 33 inches: 1 fish. All togue between 23 - 33 inches must be released alive at once. Closed to all fishing within 100 feet of White's Bridge.

From October 1 - December 31: S-6. Togue may be harvested as described above.

From October 1 - March 31: All trout (excluding lake trout) and salmon must be released alive at once. All trout (excluding lake trout) and salmon caught while ice fishing must be released immediately without removal from the water. Tributaries are closed to fishing (See Crooked River for special regulations).

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Closed to open water fishing is the "mouth of the Songo River", which is the area to the north of a line drawn between Bear Point and Outer Island and then along a line to the north shore.

Closed to ice fishing is that portion of Sebago Lake within 3,000 feet of a red marker on the shore marking a point between the 2 Portland Water District intakes. Motor vehicles are prohibited on posted area within 2 miles of the Portland Water District intake pipe in Standish (does not include ATVs and snowmobiles).

Speck (Big) Pond Norway Oxford Both IFW

WATERCODE: 3492 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Speck Pond (Big), Norway, Waterford. Closed to the taking of live bait. CI. S-6, S-17. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Apply the term "baitfish" in place of "bait" for clarity.

**PURPOSE** Reduce opportunity for reintroduction of undesirable fish into this reclaimed brook trout pond, including to tributaries and the outlet.

FINAL REGULATIONS Speck Pond (Big), Norway, Waterford. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. CI. S-6, S-17. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Basin Pond Fayette Kennebec Both IFW

WATERCODE: 5654 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS CI. S-6, S-13, S-16. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

Delete unnecessary season verbiage (in housekeeping package).

**PURPOSE**Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** CI. S-6, S-10, S-13, S-16. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Belgrade Stream Belgrade Kennebec Both IFW

WATERCODE: 09303807 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Open to ice and open water fishing Jan 1 to Dec 31, S-14. From Aug 16 to Sept 30: Riv/Str/Brk General Law terminal gear restrictions and bag limits stated for

Apr 1 to Aug 15 apply.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove S-14 and replace with S-19. General law limits and tackle provisions apply year-round.

PURPOSE Bass slot limit (S-14) is unnecessary in Belgrade Stream. S-19 (2 trout bag limit) is needed to better distribute the catch of stocked BKT. Belgrade Stream is

open to year-round fishing and general law provisions apply. The current language needs simplification.

FINAL REGULATIONS From Wings Mills Dam in Mt. Vernon to the downstream side of the Route 27 bridge in Belgrade: Open to ice and open water fishing from Jan 1 to Dec 31, S-

19. General Law limits and tackle provisions apply year-round.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Boyd Pond Bristol Lincoln Both IFW

WATERCODE: 5364 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General Law

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add D special season code.

**PURPOSE** Allow fishing with bait during fall and early winter. Becomes consistent with the entire Pemaquid River drainage.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

<u>Dutton Pond</u> Knox Waldo Both IFW

WATERCODE: 4872 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General Law.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add D special season code.

**PURPOSE**Allow the use of live baitfish and allow early winter harvest of stocked trout. Dutton Pond has become a popular early season ice fishing destination.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Hosmer Pond Camden Knox Both IFW

WATERCODE: 4808 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General Law

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add D special season code.

**PURPOSE**Allow the use of live baitfish and allow early winter harvest of stocked trout. Hosmer Pond has become a popular early season ice fishing destination.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Jamies (Jimmie) Pond Manchester Kennebec Both IFW

WATERCODE: 5302 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** CI. S-1, S-3, S-10

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove CI, S-1, S-2, S-10. Add D special season code.

**PURPOSE**Create a new ice fishing opportunity in the Augusta area with put and take brook trout. Remove smelt harvest restrictions because new brook trout

management doesn't rely on this forage.

**REGION** В

COUNTY WATER **TOWNSHIP SEASON SOURCE HEARING** 

**Jug Stream** Monmouth Kennebec **Both** IFW

**WATERCODE:** 09301112 **ACTION TAKEN:** 

CURRENT REGULATIONS From the outlet of Annabessacook Lake to the confluence with Cobbosseecontee Lake: Open to ice and open water fishing from Jan 1 to Dec 31, S-14. From Aug 1 to Sept 30: Riv/Str/Brk general law terminal gear restrictions and bag limits stated for Apr 1 to Aug 15 apply.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add S-19. General law limits and tackle provisions apply year round.

**PURPOSE** Apply S-19 (2 trout bag limit) to distribute the catch of stocked trout. Clarification and simplification: the current regulations state provisions for fishing

through Sept 30, but states nothing for Oct 1 to Dec 31. Apply general law provisions year round.

FINAL REGULATIONS From the outlet of Annabessacook Lake to the confluence with Cobbossecontee Lake: Open to ice and open water fishing from Jan 1 to Dec 31: S-14, S-19.

General Law limits and tackle provisions apply year-round.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Kimball Pond Vienna, New Sharon Kennebec (also Open Water IFW

**Franklin County**)

WATERCODE: 5330 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS CI, S-6, S-10, S-16

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add S-13 (No size or bag limit on bass).

**PURPOSE** Encourage harvest of illegally introduced smallmouth bass, documented in 2013.

FINAL REGULATIONS CI, S-6, S-10, S-13, S-16

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Little Pond Damariscotta Lincoln Both IFW

WATERCODE: 5706 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS CI. Motorboats prohibited. From April 1 - September 30: S-6, S-13, S-18. From October 1 - October 31: S-6, S-7, S-13. Closed to all fishing from November 1

- March 31.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

FINAL REGULATIONS CI. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Motorboats prohibited. From April 1 - September 30: S-6, S-13, S-18. From October 1 - October 31: S-6, S-7, S-13.

Closed to all fishing from November 1 - March 31.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Minnehonk Lake Mt Vernon Kennebec Both IFW

WATERCODE: 5812 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** D: S-3, S-16, except that from Oct1 to Dec 31: S-7.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove S-7.

**PURPOSE** Allow early winter harvest of stocked brook trout. Adequate protection is provided with general law provisions and the current S-16.

FINAL REGULATIONS D. S-3, S-16.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

North Pond Belgrade Kennebec Both IFW

WATERCODE: 5344 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** D. From Oct 1 to Dec 31: S-7.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove S-7.

PURPOSE This regulation is unnecessary because no trout or salmon are stocked in North Pond. This would allow anglers to fish for warmwater species with general law

provisions.

FINAL REGULATIONS D.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Pemaquid River Bristol Lincoln Both IFW

WATERCODE: 130 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General Law

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Open Jan 1 to Dec 31. S-19. General Law provisions apply year round.

**PURPOSE** Provide a new fall fishing opportunity for stocked brook trout and brown trout. Wild trout populations are not present.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Open Jan 1 to Dec 31. S-19. General Law limits and tackle provisions apply year-round.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Sabattus Pond Sabattus Androscoggin Both IFW

WATERCODE: 3796 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** S-28

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add D special season code.

**PURPOSE** Open to general law provisions during fall and early winter. Current Southern and Eastern County regulations limit terminal tackle to S-6.

FINAL REGULATIONS D, S-28.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Sanborn Pond Brooks Waldo Both IFW

WATERCODE: 4870 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General Law

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add D special season code.

**PURPOSE** Allow use of baitfish and the harvest of stocked salmonids during early winter. Sanborn Pond is a popular put and take brook trout fishery.

FINAL REGULATIONS D.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Tyler Pond Manchester Kennebec Both IFW

WATERCODE: 5298 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS CI. S-1, S-6, S-10, S-16.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** CI. S-1, S-6, S-10, S-16. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Wiley Pond Boothbay Lincoln Both IFW

WATERCODE: 5374 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** S-6, S-10. Motorboats prohibited.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to all fishing during the months of January and March. February: open to ice fishing S-4, S-9.

Remove S-10 that contradicts new winter youth fishing rules.

**PURPOSE** Provide a much needed Youth Fishing area in Region B (winter season only). The local Fish and Game Club is supportive of this proposal, and they have agreed

to maintain the winter access. The nearby shooting range is used year-round, which creates a public hazard. The range will be closed during the month of

February to accommodate a one-month ice fishing opportunity for those under 16 years of age.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Closed to all fishing during the months of January and March.

February: open to ice fishing S-4, S-9.

From Apr 1 - Dec 31: S-6. Motorboats prohibited.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Wilson Pond (Little) Turner Androscoggin Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 3784 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** S-1, S-10. Open to ice fishing (Regulation to sunset April 2013).

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove S-1. Remove S-10. Maintain ice fishing provision.

**PURPOSE**Little Wilson Pond is not currently stocked by the Department and does not require the protection of S-10. The S-1 (closed to the taking of smelts) is

unnecessary because smelts are not required as forage. The temporary ice fishing provision should be made permanent. The pond received relatively low ice

fishing pressure, and no complaints have been reported.

FINAL REGULATIONS General Law

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Alligator Lake T28 MD, T34 MD Hancock Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4498 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS B. S-8, S-21, S-22. All landlocked salmon between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. Closed to all fishing October 1- December 31. From January

1 - March 31: S-4.

MODIFICATIONS: Extend S-4 (no live fish as bait) rule to open water season. Delete S-21 (1 trout daily bag limit and 14-inch minimum length limit on trout). Add S-18 (1 fish

daily bag limit on trout and 18 inch minimum length on trout).

PURPOSE To provide consistent regulations for both seasons. Provide additional protection to brook trout to provide an opportunity to grow larger trout in a part of the

state where there are few waters that grow fish this large.

FINAL REGULATIONS

B. S-4, S-8, S-18, S-22. All landlocked salmon between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. Closed to all fishing October 1- December 31.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Beech Hill Pond Otis Hancock Both IFW

WATERCODE: 4352 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS S-13. No bag limit on togue under 23 inches and no minimum length limit. Daily bag limit on togue greater than 23 inches: 1 fish.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Revise togue rules by adding 23 to 33-inch release slot and restricting harvest of togue over 33 inches to one fish per day.

PURPOSE Increase population of larger togue to establish biological control of smaller togue through cannibalism by larger togue. These changes will provide additional

data/information to assess the ability of larger togue to exert significant biological control on small togue.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-13. No bag limit on togue under 23 inches and no minimum length limit. Daily bag limit on togue greater than 33 inches: 1 fish. All togue between 23 and

33 inches must be released alive at once.

WATER **TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE** HEARING

**Branch Lake Ellsworth** Hancock **Both IFW** 

**WATERCODE:** 4328 **ACTION TAKEN:** 

CURRENT REGULATIONS B. S-2, S-3, S-16. No bag limit on togue under 23 inches and no minimum length limit. Daily bag limit on togue greater than 23 inches: 1 fish. All brown trout must be released alive at once. Closed to open water fishing October 1-December 31.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete S-16 (2 fish daily bag limit on trout, minimum length limit 12 inches, only one may exceed 14 inches). Add S-18 (1 fish daily bag limit on trout and 18

inch minimum length on trout).

**PURPOSE** Provide additional protection to brook trout to provide an opportunity to grow larger trout in a part of the state where there are few waters that grow fish this

large.

FINAL REGULATIONS B. S-2, S-3, S-18. No bag limit on togue under 23 inches and no minimum length limit. Daily bag limit on togue greater than 23 inches: 1 fish. All brown trout

must be released alive at once. Closed to open water fishing October 1-December 31.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Cathance Lake Cooper, Cathance Twp. Washington Both IFW

WATERCODE: 9661 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS S-13, S-17. Except that from October 1-December 31: S-6, S-7.

MODIFICATIONS: Delete S-17 (2 fish daily bag limit on trout, minimum length limit 10 inches, only one may exceed 12 inches). Add S-18 (1 fish daily bag limit on trout and 18

inch minimum length on trout).

PURPOSE Provide additional protection to brook trout to provide an opportunity to grow larger trout in a part of the state where there are few waters that grow fish this

large.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-13, S-18. From October 1-December 31: S-6, S-7.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Ducktail Pond** Amherst Hancock Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4552 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS CI, S-6, S-18, except that from October 1 - March 31: S-6, S-7

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove S-18 and add S-21.

**PURPOSE** The current regulation is not meeting the objective of improving the average size of stocked brook trout. Stockpiling has occurred.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** CI, S-6, S-21, except that from October 1st - March 31: S-6, S-7.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Dutton Pond Amherst Hancock Both IFW

WATERCODE: 4570 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** S-4, Closed to all fishing from October 1 - December 31.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add CI, CO, S-2.

**PURPOSE** Recent resurvey indicated excellent wild brook trout population that receives increasingly heavy winter fishing pressure. Objective is to protect and enhance

this wild trout resource.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-4, CI, CO, S-21

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**<u>Dutton Pond</u>** Amherst Hancock Both IFW

WATERCODE: 4570 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** S-4. Closed to all fishing from October 1-December 31.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-4. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Closed to all fishing from October 1-December 31.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Echo Lake Mt. Desert Hancock Both IFW

WATERCODE: 4624 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS S-8. S-16. Except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Establish a release slot for salmon from 18 to 22 inches, and restrict harvest of salmon over 22 inches to one fish.

PURPOSE Salmon rule changes are directed an providing opportunity to grow larger fish while maintaining fishing opportunities at current/higher levels. Will provide

growth opportunity for fastest growing salmon and provide opportunity for anglers seeking larger salmon.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-8, S-16. All landlocked salmon between 18 and 22 inches must be released alive at once. Daily bag limit on salmon: 2 fish, only one may exceed 22 inches.

From October 1 - December 31: S-7. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Grand Lake, West Grand Lake Stream, T6 R1, T6 ND, Washington Both IFW

(including Pug Lake) T5 ND

WATERCODE: 1150 ACTION TAKEN:

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CURRENT REGULATIONS S-1, S-3, S-15, S-27, Daily bag limit on whitefish: 8 fish. From October 1 - 20: S-6, S-7. Closed to all fishing from October 21 - January 31. Open to ice fishing for all fish during February and March only. The holding of any live bait fish in West Grand is prohibited.

MODIFICATIONS: Apply more conservative General Law bag limit on whitefish (3 fish). Revise togue rules by removing S-27 rule and adding 23 to 33-inch release slot and

restricting harvest of togue over 33 inches to one fish per day.

PURPOSE Conservation of a declining lake whitefish population. (Inclusion of Pug Lake in "Housekeeping" package). Increase population of larger togue to establish

biological control of smaller togue through cannibalism by larger togue. These changes will provide additional data/information to assess the ability of larger

togue to exert significant biological control on small togue.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-1, S-3, S-15. 6 fish daily bag limit on togue under 23 inches and no minimum length limit. Daily bag limit on togue greater than 33 inches: 1 fish. All togue

between 23 and 33 inches must be released alive at once. From October 1 - 20: S-6, S-7. Closed to all fishing from October 21 - January 31. Open to ice

fishing for all fish during February and March only. The holding of any live baitfish in West Grand and Pug Lake is prohibited.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Jellison Hill Pond Amherst Hancock Both IFW

WATERCODE: 4575 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General Law

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: B, S-4, S-8, S-17, Closed to all fishing from October 1 – December 31.

**PURPOSE** Provide enhanced protection to wild brook trout population.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** B, S-4, S-8, S-17, Closed to all fishing from October 1 – December 31.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Little Jellison Hill Pond Amherst Hancock Both IFW

WATERCODE: 4576 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General Law

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add CI, CO, S-6, S-17,

PURPOSE Provide enhanced protection to wild brook trout population.

FINAL REGULATIONS CI, CO, S-6, S-17.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Lovejoy Pond T 34 MD Hancock Both IFW

WATERCODE: 4506 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** CI, CO, S-16

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove CO, CI, S-16

**PURPOSE** Create more ice fishing opportunity for stocked brook trout.

FINAL REGULATIONS General Law.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Marks Lake, Second Marshfield Washington Both IFW

WATERCODE: 1276 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove listing and return to general law, 2 trout, 6 inches

**PURPOSE** Suspension of unsuccessful brook trout stocking program.

FINAL REGULATIONS General Law.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Monroe Lake T43 MD BPP Washington Both IFW

WATERCODE: 1126 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS CI. S-4, S-10. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** CI. S-4, S-10. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

WATER **TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING** 

Monroe Pond, East **T43 MD BPP** Washington **Both** IFW

WATERCODE: 9641 **ACTION TAKEN:** 

CURRENT REGULATIONS CI, CO. S-4. Open to open water fishing from April 1-September 30 in even numbered years. Closed to all fishing in odd numbered years.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

FINAL REGULATIONS CI, CO. S-4. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Open to open water fishing from April 1-September 30 in even numbered years. Closed to all fishing in odd numbered years.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Monroe Pond, West T43 MD BPP Washington Both IFW

WATERCODE: 9811 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS CI, CO. S-4. Open to open water fishing from April 1-September 30 in odd numbered years. Closed to all fishing in even numbered years.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

FINAL REGULATIONS CI, CO. S-4. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Open to open water fishing from April 1-September 30 in odd numbered years. Closed to all fishing in even

numbered years.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Moosehorn Stream Bucksport Hancock Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 2100070201 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** S-10

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove S-10

PURPOSE Suspension of unsuccessful brook trout stocking program and loss of public access.

FINAL REGULATIONS General Law.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Musquash Lake, West T6 R1 NBPP Washington Both IFW

WATERCODE: 1096 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** S-17, except that from October 1-December 31: S-7.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Revise togue rules by adding 23 to 33-inch release slot and restricting harvest of togue over 33 inches to one fish per day.

PURPOSE Increase population of larger togue to establish biological control of smaller togue through cannibalism by larger togue. These changes will provide additional

data/information to assess the ability of larger togue to exert significant biological control on small togue.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-17. Minimum length limit on togue: 18 inches. Daily bag limit on togue 2 fish, only one over 33 inches. All togue between 23 and 33 inches must be

released alive at once. From October 1-December 31: S-7.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Narraguagus Lake T16 MD, T9 SD, T10 SD Hancock Both IFW

WATERCODE: 4414 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** CI, CO. S-4, S-16.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** CI, CO. S-4, S-16 Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Norse Pond Cutler Washington Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 7471 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General Law

MODIFICATIONS: CI, S-4

**PURPOSE** Close to ice fishing. New hike-in stocked brook trout fishery intended for open water anglers.

FINAL REGULATIONS CI, S-4.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Old Stream Wesley, Day Block Twp., T 25 MD Washington Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 373015 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS S-13, S-29, except the section (including tributaries) from the Rt.9 bridge down to the Guptil Road; S-6, S-13, S-19, S-29.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: except that within the above section the area at the mouth of trout brook is closed to all fishing between the red markers.

**PURPOSE** Provide enhanced protection to wild brook trout population.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-13, S-29, except the section (including tributaries) from the Rt.9 bridge down to the Guptil Road; S-6, S-13, S-19, S-29, except that within the above section the area at the mouth of Trout Brook is closed to all fishing between the red markers.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Orland River Orland, Bucksport Hancock Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 210007 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS From the outlet of Alamoosook Lake down to the dam in Orland: Open to open water fishing from January 1 - December 31, S-19, S-33

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: The use of live bait and harvest of legal fish species is permitted year-around.

**PURPOSE** Regulation wording change to clarify intent to allow live baitfish and harvest of fish year round.

FINAL REGULATIONS From the outlet of Alamoosook Lake down to the dam in Orland: Open to open water fishing from January 1 - December 31, General Law limits and tackle

provisions apply year-round. S-19, S-33.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Pennamaquan River Pembroke Washington Both IFW

WATERCODE: 613 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS From Upper Dam to Lower Dam, A

MODIFICATIONS: Remove from A listing. Add: Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31. General Law limits and tackle provisions apply year-round.

**PURPOSE** Regulation Clarification.

FINAL REGULATIONS From Upper Dam to Lower Dam, open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31. General Law limits and tackle provisions apply year-

round.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Pug Lake T5R1 NBPPGrand Lake Stream, Washington Both IFW

**T6 R1, T6 ND, T5 ND** 

WATERCODE: 1150 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS S-15, S-27, Daily bag limit on whitefish: 8 fish. From October 1 - 20: S-6, S-7. Closed to all fishing from October 21 - January 31. Open to ice fishing for all fish during February and March only. The holding of any live bait fish in West Grand is prohibited.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Refer readers to West Grand Lake.

Apply all West Grand Lake rules to Pug Lake by adding smelt restrictions (S-1 and S-2) and restrictions on holding live baitfish. Also add current West Grand

Lake proposal for more conservative General Law bag limit on whitefish (3 fish) and new togue rules.

PURPOSE Rules are being consolidated for Pug Lake by inclusion to West Grand Lake entry. (Inclusion of Pug Lake to West Grand Lake entry is in "Housekeeping"

package). Apply West Grand Lake rules to Pug Lake.

FINAL REGULATIONS Pug Lake (see Grand Lake, West)

S-1, S-3, S-15. 6 fish daily bag limit on togue under 23 inches and no minimum length limit. Daily bag limit on togue greater than 33 inches: 1 fish. All togue

between 23 and 33 inches must be released alive at once. From October 1 - 20: S-6, S-7. Closed to all fishing from October 21 - January 31. Open to ice

fishing for all fish during February and March only. The holding of any live baitfish in West Grand Lake and Pug Lake is prohibited.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Simmons Pond Hancock Both IFW

WATERCODE: 4374 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS CI, S-6, S-17, except that from October 1-March 31: S-7.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** CI, S-6, S-17. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. From October 1-March 31: S-7.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Simpson Pond Roué Bluffs Washington Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 9752 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS CI, S-4, S-10. Motorboats prohibited

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove S-10

**PURPOSE** Allow more open water fishing opportunity for stocked brook trout and brown trout during winter months on this coastal pond.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** CI, S-4, Motorboats prohibited.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

St. Croix River from Baileyville, Fowler Twp. Dyer Washington Open Water IFW

Vanceboro Dam to Grand Twp. Lambert Lake Twp.

Vanceboro

WATERCODE: 426 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** S-31

MODIFICATIONS: Add new exception to NB border water list indicating "No Size or Bag Limit on Largemouth Bass" for this reach of the St. Croix River.

**PURPOSE** Suppression of invasive largemouth bass.

FINAL REGULATIONS No Size or Bag Limit on Largemouth Bass

WATER **TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING** 

T7 SD, T10 SD, Sullivan Hancock **Tunk Lake Both IFW** 

**WATERCODE:** 4434 **ACTION TAKEN:** 

CURRENT REGULATIONS B. S-1, S-3, S-16, S-22. No bag limit on togue under 23 inches and no minimum length limit. Daily bag limit on togue greater than 23 inches: 1 fish. All landlocked salmon between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. Closed to all fishing October 1-December 31.

**MODIFICATIONS:** 

Revise togue rules by adding 23 to 33-inch release slot and restricting harvest of togue over 33 inches to one fish per day. Revise salmon release slot limit from 16-20 inches to 18-22 inches and increase daily bag limit on salmon from 1 to 2 fish.

**PURPOSE** 

Increase population of larger togue to establish biological control of smaller togue through cannibalism by larger togue. These changes will provide additional data/information to assess the ability of larger togue to exert significant biological control on small togue. Salmon rule changes are directed an providing opportunity to grow leger fish while maintaining fishing opportunities at current/higher levels. Will provide growth opportunity for fastest growing salmon and provide opportunity for anglers seeking larger salmon.

FINAL REGULATIONS

B. S-1, S-3, S-16. No bag limit on togue under 23 inches and no minimum length limit. Daily bag limit on togue greater than 33 inches: 1 fish. All togue between 23 and 33 inches must be released alive at once. All landlocked salmon between 18 and 22 inches must be released alive at once. Daily bag limit on salmon: 2 fish, only one may exceed 22 inches. Closed to all fishing October 1-December 31.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Beaver Pond Parmachenee Twp. Oxford Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 3114 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General law.

**MODIFICATIONS:** New entry with S-4.

PURPOSE Add NLFAB to wild brook pond (new survey).

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Davis Pond** T05 R06 BKP WKR Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 5112 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General law.

**MODIFICATIONS:** New entry with S-4.

PURPOSE Add NLFAB to wild brook pond (new survey).

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Dill Pond Dallas Plt.** Franklin **Open Water** IFW

WATERCODE: 2378 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General law.

**MODIFICATIONS:** New entry with S-4.

PURPOSE Add NLFAB to wild brook pond (new survey).

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Flatiron Pond Chase Stream Twp. Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 4089 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General law.

**MODIFICATIONS:** New entry with S-4.

PURPOSE Add NLFAB to wild brook pond (new survey).

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Heald Pond** T3 R5 BKP WKR Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0126 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General Law

**MODIFICATIONS:** New entry with S-4.

PURPOSE Add NLFAB to wild brook pond (new survey).

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

**Lost Pond** King and Bartlett Twp. Somerset Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 5116 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General law.

**MODIFICATIONS:** New entry with S-4.

PURPOSE Add NLFAB to wild brook pond (new survey).

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Magalloway River Including tributaries Parmachenee Twp., etc. Oxford Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 086168 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS S-5, S-13, S-20, S-22.

Daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish.

From August 16 - September 30: S-7.

From Bennett's Covered Bridge in Lincoln Plt. To red markers approximately 1,300 feet upstream: From June 1 - August 15, persons under 16 years of age wishing to fish under the S-4 regulation may do so only from the shore with barbless hooks; all other length and bag limits apply.

MODIFICATIONS: For the reach below Aziscohos Dam: delete S-20 (6-12 inch harvest slot limit), add a catch and release rule for brook trout only, and add barbless hooks

restriction.

PURPOSE Provide enhanced protection to wild brook trout in the river below Aziscohos Dam (4.7 miles), where we've documented a steady, significant increase in angler

use since 1998.

FINAL REGULATIONS Upstream of Aziscohos Lake Dam, including tributaries above Parmachenee Lake: S-5, S-13, S-20, S-22. Daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish. From August 16 -

September 30: S-7.

Downstream of Aziscohos Lake Dam to the border with New Hampshire: S-5, S-13, S-22. Use of barbed hooks is prohibited. All trout must be released alive at

once. From August 16 - September 30: S-7.

From Bennett's Covered Bridge in Lincoln Plt. To red markers approximately 1,300 feet upstream: From June 1 - August 15, persons under 16 years of age

wishing to fish under the S-4 regulation may do so only from the shore with barbless hooks; all other length and bag limits apply.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Richardson Lakes Richardsontown TWP., Township C, etc. Oxford Open Water IFW

(Upper and Lower Richardson

and tributaries)

WATERCODE: 3308 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** CI. S-1, S-4, S-17. (See listing for Upper Dam Pool)

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add "Lakes (excluding tributaries) remain open from Oct 1-Oct 31: S-6, S-7"

**PURPOSE** New rules provide expanded fall fishing opportunities.

FINAL REGULATIONS CI. S-1, S-4, S-17. (See listing for Upper Dam Pool). Lakes (excluding tributaries) remain open from Oct 1-Oct 31: S-6, S-7.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Baker Lake T7R17 WELS Somerset Both IFW

WATERCODE: 2400 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS CI. Remains open to open water fishing from October 1-November 30: S-6, open to the taking of muskellunge only.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS**CI. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Remains open to open water fishing from October 1-November 30: S-6, open to the taking of muskellunge only.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Chesuncook Pond T3 R11 WELS Piscataquis Both IFW

WATERCODE: 0672 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS B. S-4, S-16. Remains open from October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Replace S-16 with S-19.

**PURPOSE** Liberalize bag limits on stocked splake fishery.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** B. S-4, S-19. Remains open to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Holbrook Pond T2&T3 R11 WELS Piscataquis Both IFW

WATERCODE: 0632 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS B. S-4, S-16. Remains open from October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Replace S-16 with S-19.

**PURPOSE** Liberalize bag limits on stocked splake fishery.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** B. S-4, S-19. Remains open to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Holeb Pond Holeb TWP., Attean Twp Somerset Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 2652 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS B. S-13, S-19. Remains open from October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7, S-13.

MODIFICATIONS: Modify open waters season to end on Nov 30 and add open ice fishing at night in December for smelt, cusk, yellow perch.

**PURPOSE** Provide early season ice fishing opportunity for smelt, cusk, and yellow perch.

**FINAL REGULATIONS**B. S-13, S-19. Remains open to open water fishing from October 1 to November 30: S-6, S-7, S-13. From December 1 - March 31: Open to ice fishing at night for cusk, smelt, and yellow perch.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Kennebec River, East Sapling Somerset Open Water IFW

**Outlet** 

WATERCODE: 093 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS From Moosehead Lake downstream to the red markers at Indian Pond: Open to fishing April 1 - April 30:S-5, S-7. From May 1 - September 30: S-5, Total

daily bag limit for trout, landlocked salmon and togue: 1 fish. Minimum length on trout, landlocked salmon and togue: 14 inches. From October1 - 31: S-5, S-

7.

- From the dam at Moosehead Lake to the yellow markers at tail of Beach Pool: Open to fishing from November 1 - March 31: S-5, S-7.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove special April season and open river form April 1- Sept 30.

PURPOSE Make regulations consistent with Moosehead Lake by allowing harvest in April.

FINAL REGULATIONS

From Moosehead Lake downstream to the red markers at Indian Pond: From April 1 - September 30: S-5, Total daily bag limit for trout, landlocked salmon and togue: 1 fish. Minimum length on trout, landlocked salmon and togue: 14 inches. From October 1 - 31: S-5, S-7.

- From the dam at Moosehead Lake to the yellow markers at tail of Beach Pool: Open to fishing from November 1 - March 31: S-5, S-7.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Lloyd Pond Bowdoin College Grant East Piscataquis Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0462 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General Law.

**MODIFICATIONS:** New rulebook entry with S-4 (no live fish as bait).

PURPOSE Add NLFAB to wild brook trout pond (new survey).

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WATER **TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING** 

**Moose River** Rockwood **Open Water** Somerset **IFW** 

**WATERCODE:** 093133 **ACTION TAKEN:** 

CURRENT REGULATIONS From the red markers located just upstream of Woody's Campground to Moosehead Lake: River and tributaries open to fishing April 1. S-1. From April 1 -April 30: S-13. Fishing restricted to casting and trolling with artificial flies only. S-7. From May 1- Sept 1: S-13. No special terminal gear restrictions. Total daily bag limit for trout and landlocked salmon: 1 fish. Minimum length on trout and landlocked salmon: 14 inches. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. Daily bag limit on togue: 5 fish (only 1 togue may be greater than 18 inches; all 5 may be between 14-18 inches).

> From September 1 - September 30: S-5,S-13. Total daily bag limit for trout and landlocked salmon: 1 fish. Minimum length on trout and landlocked salmon: 14 inches. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. Daily bag limit on togue: 5 fish (only 1 togue may be greater than 18 inches; all 5 may be between 14-18 inches).

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove special April section and allow harvest from April 1 - Sept 30

**PURPOSE** Make regulations consistent with Moosehead Lake by allowing harvest in April.

FINAL REGULATIONS

From the red markers located just upstream of Woody's Campground to Moosehead Lake, including tributaries: From April 1- August 31: S-1, S-13. No special terminal gear restrictions. Total daily bag limit for trout and landlocked salmon: 1 fish. Minimum length on trout and landlocked salmon: 14 inches. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. Daily bag limit on togue: 5 fish (only 1 togue may be greater than 18 inches; all 5 may be between 14-18 inches).

From September 1 - September 30: S-5, S-13. Total daily bag limit for trout and landlocked salmon: 1 fish. Minimum length on trout and landlocked salmon: 14 inches. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. Daily bag limit on togue: 5 fish (only 1 togue may be greater than 18 inches; all 5 may be between 14REGION Ε

WATER **TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING** 

**Moose River** Rockwood **Somerset Open Water IFW** 

**WATERCODE:** 093133 **ACTION TAKEN:** 

CURRENT REGULATIONS From Brassua Lake to the red markers located just upstream of Woody's Campground: River and tributaries open to fishing April 1. S-1. From April 1 - April 30: S-13. Fishing restricted to casting and trolling with artificial flies only. S-7. From May 1- August 15 1: S-13. Fishing restricted to casting and trolling with artificial flies only. Total daily bag limit for trout and landlocked salmon: 1 fish. Minimum length on trout and landlocked salmon: 14 inches. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. Daily bag limit on togue: 5 fish (only 1 togue may be greater than 18 inches; all 5 may be between 14-18 inches).

> From August 16 - September 30: S-5.S-13.Total daily bag limit for trout and landlocked salmon: 1 fish. Minimum length on trout and landlocked salmon: 14 inches. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. Daily bag limit on togue: 5 fish (only 1 togue may be greater than 18 inches; all 5 may be between 14-18 inches).

**MODIFICATIONS:** 

Remove special April section and allow harvest from April 1 - Sept 30

**PURPOSE** 

Make regulations consistent with Moosehead Lake by allowing harvest in April.

## FINAL REGULATIONS

From Brassua Lake to the red markers located just upstream of Woody's Campground, including tributaries: From April 1- August 15: S-1, S-13. Fishing restricted to casting and trolling with artificial flies only. Total daily bag limit for trout and landlocked salmon: 1 fish. Minimum length on trout and landlocked salmon: 14 inches. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. Daily bag limit on togue: 5 fish (only 1 togue may be greater than 18 inches; all 5 may be between 14-18 inches).

From August 16 - September 30: S-5, S-13. Total daily bag limit for trout and landlocked salmon: 1 fish. Minimum length on trout and landlocked salmon: 14 inches, Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches, Daily bag limit on togue: 5 fish (only 1 togue may be greater than 18 inches; all 5 may be between 14-18 inches).

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WATER **TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING** 

**Moosehead Lake** Greenville, Rockwood, etc. Piscataquis and **Open Water** IFW

**Somerset** 

WATERCODE: 0390 **ACTION TAKEN:** 

CURRENT REGULATIONS Opens to fishing May 1. S-1, S-13, S-21, S-22. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. Daily bag limit on togue: 5 fish (only 1 togue may be greater than

18 inches; all 5 may be between 14-18 inches). For additional regulations and exceptions to the above, see entries for the following: Kennebec River, East and

West Outlets (Somerset County); Roach River, Lily Bay Brook, and Moose Brook (all Piscataquis County); and Socatean Stream (Somerset County).

**MODIFICATIONS:** Remove: Open to fishing May 1. Default to General Law opening of April 1.

**PURPOSE** Increase fishing opportunity by removing May 1st opening.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-1, S-13, S-21, S-22. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. Daily bag limit on togue: 5 fish (only 1 togue may be greater than 18 inches; all 5 may be

between 14-18 inches). For additional regulations and exceptions to the above, see entries for the following: Kennebec River, East and West Outlets (Somerset

County); Roach River, Lily Bay Brook, and Moose Brook (all Piscataquis County); and Socatean Stream (Somerset County).

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Mountain Ponds (No. 1 Johnson Mountain Twp. Somerset Open Water IFW

and No. 2)

WATERCODE: 0059 and 0160 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General Law.

**MODIFICATIONS:** New rulebook entry with S-4 (no live fish as bait).

**PURPOSE** Add NLFAB to wild brook pond (new survey).

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Mud Pond Little Squaw Twp. Piscataquis Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0330 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General Law.

**MODIFICATIONS:** New rulebook entry with S-4 (no live fish as bait).

PURPOSE Add NLFAB to wild brook pond (new survey).

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Rays Mill Pond T7 R9 NWP Piscataquis Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 0808 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General Law.

**MODIFICATIONS:** New rulebook entry with S-4 (no live fish as bait).

PURPOSE Add NLFAB to wild brook pond (new survey).

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

St. John Pond, Fifth T5R17 and T6R17 WELS Somerset Both IFW

WATERCODE: 2414 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** CI. Remains open to open water fishing from October 1-November 30: S-6, open to the taking of muskellunge only.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS**CI. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Remains open to open water fishing from October 1-November 30: S-6, open to the taking of muskellunge only.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

St. John Pond, Fourth T5R17 WELS Somerset Both IFW

WATERCODE: 2416 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** CI. S-4.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** CI. S-4. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

St. John River and St. T9R16, T9R17, T9R18, T10R16, Somerset Both IFW

John River Northwest and and T10R17 WELS

WATERCODE: Various ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS S-13. Remains open to open water fishing from October 1-November 30: S-6, S-13, open to the taking of bass and muskellunge only.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-13. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Remains open to open water fishing from October 1-November 30: S-6, S-13, open to the taking of bass and

muskellunge only.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

St. John River, Baker T7R17, T7R18, and T7R19 WELS Somerset Both IFW

**Branch** 

WATERCODE: 427308 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS S-13. Remains open to open water fishing from October 1-November 30: S-6, S-13, open to the taking of bass and muskellunge only.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-13. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Remains open to open water fishing from October 1-November 30: S-6, S-13, open to the taking of bass and muskellunge only.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Atwood Pond T5R8 WELS Penobscot Both IFW

WATERCODE: 4250 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** CI, CO. S-4.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** CI, CO. S-4. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

WATER COUNTY **TOWNSHIP SEASON SOURCE HEARING** 

**Baxter State Park Waters** Various **Piscataquis Both IFW** 

WATERCODE: Various **ACTION TAKEN:** 

CURRENT REGULATIONS Live fish are not permitted as bait in all park waters. See individual waters further for specific regulations. The use of motor boats or outboard motors in the Park is prohibited except on Matagamon and Webster Lakes. Outboard motors of ten (10) horsepower or less are permitted on Upper and Lower Togue

Ponds.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: All waters are closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

FINAL REGULATIONS Live fish are not permitted as bait in all park waters, and all waters are closed to the taking of live baitfish. See individual waters further for specific

regulations. The use of motor boats or outboard motors in the Park is prohibited except on Matagamon and Webster Lakes. Outboard motors of ten (10)

horsepower or less are permitted on Upper and Lower Togue Ponds.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Branch Pond, Middle T5R9 NWP Piscataquis Both IFW

WATERCODE: 0912 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** CI. S-4, S-17.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** CI. S-4, S-17. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Gauntlet Pond and TBR10 WELS Piscataquis Both IFW

**Tributaries** 

WATERCODE: 0472 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** CI. S-4, S-17.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** CI. S-4, S-17. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Green Mountain Pond T6R6 WELS Penobscot Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 3666 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS CI. S-5, S-17. From October 1 -March 31: S-10.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: From October 1 to March 31: S-10.

Add: Remains open from October 1- November 30, S-5, S-7.

**PURPOSE** Green Mountain Pond is fly fishing only (S-5) during the regular fishing season, it should remain FFO in the extended season as well (currently ALO with S-10

rule).

FINAL REGULATIONS CI, S-5, S-17. Remains open from October 1- November 30, S-5, S-7

WATER **TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING** 

Hancock County waters Various Hancock **Both IFW** 

WATERCODE: Various **ACTION TAKEN:** 

CURRENT REGULATIONS On all waters in Hancock County except - Alligator Lake, Beech Hill Pond, Hopkins Pond, Branch Lake, Green Lake, Phillips Lake, Molasses Pond, King Pond, Upper Lead Mtn. Pond and Lower & Middle Lead Mtn. Ponds, Walker Pond, Hancock Pond, Harriman Pond, Seal Cove Pond, Craig Pond, Toddy Pond, Tunk Lake, Donnell Pond, Spring Rive Lake, Long Pond (MDI), Jordan Pond, Echo Lake, Eagle Lake - the maximum length limit on landlocked salmon and brown trout is 25 inches.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add the following waters to the exempted list: Duck Lake, and West Lake.

**PURPOSE** Add two waters to the Hancock County S-33 exemption list.

FINAL REGULATIONS

On all waters in Hancock County except - Alligator Lake, Beech Hill Pond, Hopkins Pond, Branch Lake, Duck Lake, West Lake, Green Lake, Phillips Lake, Molasses Pond, King Pond, Upper Lead Mtn. Pond and Lower & Middle Lead Mtn. Ponds, Walker Pond, Harcock Pond, Harriman Pond, Seal Cove Pond, Craig Pond, Toddy Pond, Tunk Lake, Donnell Pond, Spring Rive Lake, Long Pond (MDI), Jordan Pond, Echo Lake, Eagle Lake - the maximum length limit on landlocked salmon and brown trout is 25 inches.

(Alphabetize these!)

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Hay Pond T6R8 WELS Penobscot Both IFW

WATERCODE: 4252 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** CI, CO. S-4.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** CI, CO. S-4. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Houston Pond, Little Katahdin Ironworks Twp. Piscataquis Both IFW

WATERCODE: 0920 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** CI. S-6, S-17.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** CI. S-6, S-17. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Hurd Pond T2R10 WELS Piscataquis Both IFW

WATERCODE: 2064 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS CI. S-4, S-17. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches, only one of which may be between 14 and 18 inches and only one of which may exceed 18 inches.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS**CI. S-4, S-17. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches, only one of which may be between 14 and 18 inches and only

one of which may exceed 18 inches.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

<u>Lane Brook Pond</u> T6R6 WELS Penobscot Both IFW

WATERCODE: 3664 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** CI, CO. S-4.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** CI, CO. S-4. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

WATER **TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE** HEARING

Nesourdnahunk Stream T4R10 WELS **Piscataquis Open Water IFW** 

**WATERCODE:** 21008234 **ACTION TAKEN:** 

CURRENT REGULATIONS S-5, except that from the downstream side of the bridge at Nesourdnahunk Field to the downstream side of the bridge at Foster Field: S-6.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: S-5

Add: fishing restricted to the use of single hook artificial lures only.

**PURPOSE** This wording change would allow all ages of anglers to fish with single hook lures only to provide additional opportunity for less experienced anglers.

FINAL REGULATIONS ...except that from the downstream side of the bridge at Nesourdnahunk Field to the downstream side of the bridge at Foster Field: fishing restricted to the use

of single hook artificial lures only.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

North Lake Orient Aroostook Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 1063 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** Not more than 1 line per person.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: Equipment: Not more than 1 line per person. Add to Exception 5: Not more than 2 lines per person.

**PURPOSE** Provide some continuity between Maine and North Lake regarding the number of lines.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Exception 5: Not more than 2 lines per person.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Penobscot River, West T3 Indian Purchase Penobscot Open Water IFW

Branch, from the Dam at

WATERCODE: 210082 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS S-24. Remains open to open water fishing from October 1 to December 31: S-6, S-7.

MODIFICATIONS: Add: S-13

PURPOSE Encourage harvest of illegally introduced smallmouth bass in the Pemadumcook Chain of Lakes including North Twin Lake immediately upstream.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-13, S-24. Remains open to open water fishing from October 1 to December 31: S-6, S-7.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Quakish Lake T3 Indian Purchase Penobscot Both IFW

WATERCODE: 2116 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** S-24.

MODIFICATIONS: Add: S-13

**PURPOSE** Encourage harvest of illegally introduced smallmouth bass in the Pemadumcook Chain of Lakes including North Twin Lake immediately upstream.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-13, S-24.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Shin Pond, Lower Mt. Chase, T5R7 WELS Penobscot Both IFW

WATERCODE: 2198 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** S-13, S-24, except that from October 1 to December 31: S-7.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: S-24. Add: S-22.

**PURPOSE**Lower Shin Pond is a small (638 acre) lake that has had an illegal introduction of smallmouth bass that has eliminated the fishery for wild landlocked salmon.

We have initiated a new salmon stocking program and it would be useful to apply General Law length (14 inches) and reduce the bag limit on salmon to

distribute the catch and harvest.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** S-13, S-22, except that from October 1 to December 31: S-7.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Shin Pond, Upper Mt. Chase, T6R6 WELS Penobscot Both IFW

WATERCODE: 2202 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** S-2, S-3, S-13

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: S-22

**PURPOSE** Upper Shin Pond is a small (544 acre) lake that has had an illegal introduction of smallmouth bass that has eliminated the fishery for wild landlocked salmon.

We have initiated a new salmon stocking program and it would be useful to reduce the bag limit on salmon to distribute the catch and harvest.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-2, S-3, S-13, S-22.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Spednic Lake Vanceboro, Forest Twp., Forest Washington Open Water IFW

City Twp. T11R3 NBPP,

WATERCODE: 0121 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** Not more than 1 line per person.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Delete: Not more than 1 line per person. Add to Exception 3: Not more than 2 lines per person.

**PURPOSE** Provide some continuity between Maine and North Lake regarding the number of lines.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** Exception 3: Not more than 2 lines per person.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Spring Lake T3 ND Hancock Both IFW

WATERCODE: 4758 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** S-33.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: S-2, S-3, S-22.

**PURPOSE** Spring Lake is a small (435 acre) lake with limited smelt spawning habitat. The lake receives a large amount of winter fishing pressure, and this proposal would

help distribute the salmon harvest and provide additional protection to smelts.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-2, S-3, S-22.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Trout Lake Kossuth Washington Both IFW

WATERCODE: 1098 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** CI,. CO. S-6, S-17.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** CI, CO. S-6, S-17. Closed to the taking of live bait.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Trout Pond Grand Falls Twp. Penobscot Both IFW

WATERCODE: 4724 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** CI, CO. S-4.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** CI, CO. S-4. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Washington County Various Washington Both IFW

<u>waters</u>

WATERCODE: Various ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS On all waters in Washington County - except West Grand, East Grand, Spednic, Cathance, Nash, Lower Sysladobis and East Musquash lakes - the maximum

length limit on landlocked salmon and brown trout is 25 inches.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add the following waters to the exempted list: Farrow Lake and Pleasant Lake.

**PURPOSE** Add waters to the Washington County S-33 exemption list.

FINAL REGULATIONS On all waters in Washington County - except Farrow Lake, Pleasant Lake, Simpson Pond, West Grand, East Grand, Spednic, Cathance, Nash, Lower

Sysladobis, East Musquash, Rocky, Pennamaquan, Orange, Round and Schoodic Lakes - the maximum length limit on landlocked salmon and brown trout is 25

inches.

Alphabetize these!

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Bran Lake St. Francis Aroostook Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 1548 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** CI. S-6, S-17.

**MODIFICATIONS:** drop S-17 and add S-19.

**PURPOSE** Overly restrictive special regulations have resulted in reduced growth, overall size, size at age, and condition. We've also documented a decrease in the number

of older trout recently. Currently, it is difficult for anglers to harvest trout in the 10-12 inch range. Increasing harvest across a wider range of sizes is intended

to improve growth and overall size of trout.

FINAL REGULATIONS CI. S-6, S-19.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Eagle Lake, etc. Aroostook Open Water IFW

WATERCODE: 1634 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** B. S-2, S-3, S-16, S-24, S-27.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Drop S-27 and add S-26.

PURPOSE Wild lake trout population has declined significantly under very liberal harvest regulation. Proposed regulation is somewhat more conservative but should

continue to control recruitment while still providing harvest opportunity for togue >18 inches.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** B.S-2, S-3, S-16, S-24, S-26.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Fish River Excluding Fort Kent Aroostook Both 1FW

Thoroughfares (note:

WATERCODE: 427216 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS From the Fish River Falls in Fort Kent downstream to the St. John River: S-13, Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12

inches. From August 16 - September 30: S-6, Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches. Daily bag limit on trout and

togue: 1 fish.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: S-6, S-16 and "year round" fishing provision with S-6, S-7, S-13, and open to the taking of muskellunge.

Add: Closed to the taking of live bait.

PURPOSE Provide year round open water fishing opportunity in a river setting in a region that has none at this time. Proposed rule change will be accompanied by a peer

review proposal to stock fall yearling landlocked salmon. Rule change will also provide additional opportunity to harvest invasive

muskellunge and small mouth bass, and will provide additional protection to remaining wild brook trout.

Close to taking of live bait to minimize the opportunity to transport invasive muskellunge and smallmouth bass by prohibiting bait trapping.

FINAL REGULATIONS From the Fish River Falls in Fort Kent downstream to the St. John River: S-6, S-13, S-16. Closed to the taking of live bait. From October 1 - March 31: S-6,

S-7, S-13, and open to the taking of muskellunge.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Long Lake and outlet to T11 R13 and T12 R13 WELS Piscataquis Open Water IFW

**Long Lake Dam (including** 

WATERCODE: 1892 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS S-16. Minimum length limit on whitefish: 16 inches. From August 16-September 30: tributaries open with a total daily bag limit on trout and togue of 1 fish, S-

6. Minimum length limit on whitefish: 16 inches.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Increase length limit on whitefish from 16 inches to 18 inches and reduce the daily bag limit on whitefish from 3 (General Law) to 1.

**PURPOSE**An 18-inch length limit and 1-fish bag limit will protect whitefish through sexual maturity while continuing to promote the recovery of this species in the

AWW. These proposals are consistent with recently promulgated rules for other lakes in the AWW.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-16. Daily bag limit on whitefish: 1 fish. Minimum length limit on whitefish: 18 inches. From August 16-September 30: tributaries open with a total daily bag

limit on trout and togue of 1 fish, S-6. Daily bag limit on whitefish: 1 fish. Minimum length limit on whitefish: 18 inches.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Portage Lake Twp. Aroostook Ice Fishing IFW

WATERCODE: 1602 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS B. S-2, S-3, S-16, S-24. "No person shall operate any boat..."

**MODIFICATIONS:** ADD: "Open to ice fishing for smelts from the time ice forms in the fall until March 31."

**PURPOSE** Increase fishing opportunity for rainbow smelt at a lake that freezes early and is located close to a population center.

FINAL REGULATIONS

B. S-2, S-3, S-16, S-24. Open to ice fishing for smelts from the time ice forms in the fall until March 31. "No person shall operate any boat.."

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Reed Pond, Big, and T8 R10 WELS Piscataquis Both IFW

tributaries and outlet

WATERCODE: 2842 ACTION TAKEN:

**CURRENT REGULATIONS** CI. S-5, S-7.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** CI. S-5, S-7. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Scopan Stream Masardis, Ashland Aroostook Both IFW

WATERCODE: 42713553 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS General Law, except under "Aroostook River": All salmon caught in any flowing water of the Aroostook River Watershed, must be released alive at once.

**MODIFICATIONS:** New lawbook entry.

Add: Year round fishing rules.

PURPOSE Provide year round open water fishing opportunity in a river setting; currently there are no opportunities for such angling in the region. Proposed rule change

will be accompanied by a peer review proposal to stock fall yearling landlocked salmon.

**FINAL REGULATIONS** See Aroostook River. From October 1 - March 31: S-6, S-7.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Soldier Pond, Including Wallagrass Plt. Aroostook Open Water IFW

**Tributaries Upstream to** 

WATERCODE: 9783 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS CI. S-16, S-24. From April 1 - May 31: S-4. From June 1 - September 30: S-6. From August 16 - September 30: S-6, S-24, the total daily bag limit for

trout and togue is 1 fish. Minimum length on brook trout: 12 inches.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Drop April 1 - May 31 special season.

PURPOSE Eliminate the provision directed at whitefish angling that is now non-existent. To streamline regulations for the Fish River from Eagle Lake to Fort Kent and

eliminate confusion and enforcement difficulty on demarcation between Soldier Pond and Fish River.

FINAL REGULATIONS CI. S-6, S-16, S-24. From August 16 - September 30: S-6, S-24, the total daily bag limit for trout and togue is 1 fish. Minimum length on brook trout: 12

inches.

WATER COUNTY **SOURCE TOWNSHIP SEASON HEARING** 

St. John River T11 R16&17, T12 R15&16, T13 Aroostook **Both** IFW

> R14&15, T14 R13&14, T15 R13, T16 R12 WELS, Allagash, St.

**Francis WATERCODE:** 427 **ACTION TAKEN:** 

CURRENT REGULATIONS Upstream of the confluence with the St. Francis River. S-13. From October 1 - November 30: S-6, S-13. Open to the taking of bass and muskellunge only. These regulations also apply on the Northwest Branch of the St. John, T11&12 R17 WELS.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Add: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**PURPOSE** Minimize the opportunity to transport invasive fish by prohibiting bait trapping.

FINAL REGULATIONS Upstream of the confluence with the St. Francis River. S-13. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. From October 1 - November 30: S-6, S-13. Open to the

taking of bass and muskellunge only. These regulations also apply on the Northwest Branch of the St. John, T11&12 R17 WELS.

WATER TOWNSHIP COUNTY SEASON SOURCE HEARING

Umsaskis Lake (including T11 R13 WELS Piscataquis Open Water IFW

thoroughfare to Long

WATERCODE: 1896 ACTION TAKEN:

CURRENT REGULATIONS S-16. Minimum length limit on whitefish: 16 inches. From August 16-September 30: tributaries open with a total daily bag limit on trout and togue of 1 fish, S-

6. Minimum length limit on whitefish: 16 inches.

**MODIFICATIONS:** Increase length limit on whitefish from 16 inches to 18 inches and reduce the daily bag limit on whitefish from 3 (General Law) to 1.

**PURPOSE**An 18-inch length limit and 1-fish bag limit will protect whitefish through sexual maturity while continuing to promote the recovery of this species in the

AWW. These proposals are consistent with recently promulgated rules for other lakes in the AWW.

FINAL REGULATIONS S-16. Daily bag limit on whitefish: 1 fish. Minimum length limit on whitefish: 18 inches. From August 16-September 30: tributaries open with a total daily bag

limit on trout and togue of 1 fish, S-6. Daily bag limit on whitefish: 1 fish. Minimum length limit on whitefish: 18 inches.